

Winter Calendar of Events: December 2014 through February 2015

[Arranged by Location, then by Date]

National Events of Interest:

- **Annual Compendium of Disability Statistics and Research-to-Policy Roundtable**, Wednesday, December 3, Washington, DC. Hosted by the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC). Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Disability Research website](#).
- **2014 TASH Conference: Be the Future**, December 3 – 5, Washington, DC. Hosted by TASH. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [TASH website](#).
- **Center for Studying Disability Policy (CSDP) Forum: Disability and Well-Being: Barriers to Improving Quality of Life for People with Disabilities**, Thursday, December 4, Washington, DC (Also available online via webinar). Hosted by CSDP. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [CSDP website](#).
- **Law and Disability Conference: Exploring Law, Disability and the Challenge of Equality in Canada and the United States**, Friday, December 5, Berkeley, CA. Hosted by the University of California Berkeley Law School, Canadian Studies Program and others. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Berkeley Law website](#).
- **Deadline: Call for Papers: Hearing Loss Association of America Convention**, Deadline for proposals is Friday, December 5. Convention will be held June 25 – 28 in St. Louis, MO. For more information and to submit a proposal, visit the [HLAA website](#).
- **Steamboat All Mountain Ski and Ride Camp**, January 11 – 16, Steamboat Springs, CO. Hosted by Adaptive Adventures and Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Adaptive Adventures website](#).
- **16th Annual Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD) Conference**, January 21 – 23, Clearwater Beach, FL. Hosted by the Council on Exceptional Children (CEC). Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).
- **SnoFest Military Ski and Ride Camp**, January 21 – 25, Keystone, CO. Hosted by Adaptive Adventures and Keystone Adaptive Center. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Adaptive Adventures website](#).
- **Association for Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) Annual Conference: United to Build Healthier Communities**, January 24 – 27, Washington, DC. For public health leaders and advocates, with a focus on children with disabilities. Hosted by AMCHP. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [AMCHP website](#).
- **Black Hills Regional Ski for Light**, January 26 – 29, Deadwood, SD. For participants who are blind or who have visual or mobility disabilities. Hosted by Black Hills Ski for Light and

Adaptive Adventures. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Ski for Light website](#).

- **Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) 15th Anniversary Conference**, January 27 – 31, Orlando, FL. Hosted by ATIA. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).
- **The Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) 9th Annual Management Institutes**, February 5 – 7, Tampa, FL. Hosted by AHEAD. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [AHEAD website](#).
- **National Ability Center Winter Action Camp: Youth Ski and Ride**, February 14 – 18, Park City, UT. For Youth ages 10 – 17 with limb or spinal cord disabilities. Hosted by the National Ability Center and Adaptive Adventures. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Adaptive Adventures website](#).
- **7th Annual Adaptive Steep and Deep Camp**, February 24 – 28, Jackson Hole, WY. For Youth ages 10 – 17 with limb or spinal cord disabilities. Hosted by Adaptive Adventures and Teton Adaptive Sports. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Adaptive Adventures website](#).

Online Webinars and Workshops:

- **Webinar: Motivational Interviewing: Enhancing Motivation for Change: 2-Part Series**, Tuesday, December 2 and December 9, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by UNT Workplace Inclusion and Sustainable Employment (WISE). Cost: \$75; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact UNT WISE at untwise@unt.edu or 940-565-4000 or visit the [UNT WISE website](#).
- **Webinar: How to Use Data and Institutional Tools in Our Practice**, Tuesday, December 2, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AHEAD website](#).
- **Webinar: Everybody Serves: The Picture Needs Each Piece**, Wednesday, December 3, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Presented by Christian Reformed Church: Disability Concerns. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Disability Concerns website](#).
- **Webinar: Financial Planning: Partnering with the Disability Community**, Wednesday, December 3, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Presented by the National Disability Institute (NDI) and the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education (AFCPE). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [NDI website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessibility Emergency Transportable Housing**, Thursday, December 4, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by ADA National Network Accessibility Online. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Accessibility Online website](#).
- **Webinar: Braille and Tactile Graphics Update**, Thursday, December 4, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Presented by the Texas Assistive Technology Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [TATN website](#).

- **Webinar: EReader Apps**, Thursday, December 4, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Presented by Patins Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Patins Project website](#).
- **Webinar: Center for Studying Disability Policy (CSDP) Forum: Disability and Well-Being: Barriers to Improving Quality of Life for People with Disabilities**, Thursday, December 4, 11:00am – 12:30pm (Also available in person in Washington, DC). Hosted by CSDP. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [CSDP website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessibility in a Bring-Your-Own-Device Environment**, Monday, December 8, 2:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by Michigan's Integrated Technology Supports (MITS). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [MITS website](#).
- **Webinar: Creating Assistive Technology in Minutes – For the School**, Monday, December 8, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Presented by Rehabilitative Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [RESNA website](#).
- **Webinar: Workplace Trends**, Tuesday, December 9, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Presented by Job Accommodation Network (JAN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [JAN website](#).
- **Webinar: Getting Started with Read:OutLOUD**, Tuesday, December 9, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Patins Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Patins Project website](#).
- **Webinar: HTML5 and ARIA for Meeting WCAG 2.0 Success Criteria**, Tuesday, December 9, 10:00am – 11:30am. Presented by the International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [IAAP website](#).
- **Webinar: iPads for Foundational Literacy Skills and Language Development: Application and Implementation**, Tuesday, December 9, 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Presented by Rehabilitative Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA). Cost: \$28 for members, \$40 for non-members; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [RESNA website](#).
- **Webinar: Boosting Financial Stability through Tax Credits for People with Disabilities**, Wednesday, December 10, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by the National Disability Institute and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [NDI website](#).
- **Webinar: How OFCCP, EEO, and the ADA Impact Your Workforce**, Wednesday, December 10, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by the Disability Market Bootcamp; Solutions Marketing Group. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Disability Marketing website](#).
- **Webinar: The ARD Process**, Thursday, December 11, 10:00am – 11:30am. Presented by the PEN Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Meagan Sanders at meagan@partnerstx.org or 806-544-9068 or visit the [NDI website](#).

- **Webinar: Getting Your AT Party Started: Answers to Commonly Asked Questions about Program Building**, Thursday, December 11, 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Cost: \$49; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).
- **Webinar: Modifications for Working Professionals**, Thursday, December 11, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Presented by Rehabilitative Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA). Cost: \$28 for members, \$40 for non-members; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [RESNA website](#).
- **Webinar: Contents of the IEP**, Tuesday, December 16, 10:00am – 11:30am. Presented by the PEN Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Meagan Sanders at meagan@partnerstx.org or 806-544-9068 or visit the [NDI website](#).
- **Webinar: Jigs and Gadgets: DIY Assistive Technology**, Tuesday, December 16, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Presented by the Texas Assistive Technology Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [TATN website](#).
- **Webinar: Taking Charge of My Health: Partners in Health Transition**, Tuesday, December 16, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Presented by National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [NDSS website](#).
- **Webinar: Accommodating Persons with Environmental Sensitivities: Challenges and Solutions**, Tuesday, December 16, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by ADA-Audio. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA-Audio website](#).
- **Webinar: Using 5310 Funds to Enhance Service: Best Practices and Success Stories**, Wednesday, December 17, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by Easter Seals Project Action. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit [Easter Seals website](#).
- **Webinar: MAC Accessibility**, Tuesday, January 6, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Patins Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Patins Project website](#).
- **Webinar: Equipment Loaner Program Management**, Tuesday, January 6, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AHEAD website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessible Hospitals and Medical Care Facilities: Advanced Session**, Thursday, January 8, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by ADA National Network Accessibility Online. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Accessibility Online website](#).
- **Webinar: Inclusive Workplaces**, Tuesday, January 13, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Presented by Job Accommodation Network (JAN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [JAN website](#).
- **Webinar: MAC Accessibility**, Tuesday, January 13, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Patins Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Patins Project website](#).
- **Webinar Series: PDF: Universal Accessibility**, 4-Part series: Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 1:00pm. Presented by Equal Access to Software and Information (EASI). Cost:

FREE for EASI members; \$225 for non-members; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EASI website](#).

- **Online Conference: CEC Online Conference: Common Core ELA Standards: Instructional Strategies to Support Students with Complex Needs**, January 14 – 27. Presented by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).
- **Webinar: Using iPads for the Writing Process**, Thursday, January 15, 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Cost: \$49; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).
- **Webinar: Alternative Access to Mobile Devices**, Thursday, January 15, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Presented by the Texas Assistive Technology Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [TATN website](#).
- **Webinar: What's Next? After Assistive Technology Consideration**, Thursday, January 15, 2:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by Michigan's Integrated Technology Supports (MITS). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [MITS website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessible Construction Management**, Tuesday, January 20, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by ADA Online Learning. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA Online website](#).
- **Webinar: MAC Accessibility**, Tuesday, January 20, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Patins Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Patins Project website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessible Construction Management**, Tuesday, January 20, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by ADA-Audio. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA-Audio website](#).
- **Webinar: MS Financial Wellness Webinar: New Year, New Financially Secure You**, Wednesday, January 21, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by the National Disability Institute. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [NDI website](#).
- **Webinar: Everyday AAC for the Family**, Thursday, January 22, 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Cost: \$49; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).
- **Webinar: Using Technology to Support College Students with ID**, Tuesday, January 27, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Presented by Think College. Cost: \$45; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Think College website](#).
- **Webinar: The Urgency of Now: Maximizing Diversity to Accelerate Healthcare Transformation**, Tuesday, January 27, Time TBA. Presented by the National Diversity Council. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [National Diversity Council website](#).
- **Webinar: Making Math More Accessible: The WeBWork Math Homework Management System**, Tuesday, February 3, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AHEAD website](#).

- **Webinar: Ethics: Boundaries and Relationships**, Wednesday, February 4, 10:00am – 11:30am. Presented by University of North Texas Workplace Inclusion and Sustainable Employment (UNT WISE). Cost: \$35; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [UNT Wise website](#).
- **Webinar: Sexual Boundary Violations by Individuals with Intellectual Disability: A Statewide Screening Program**, Wednesday, February 4, 1:00pm. Presented by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [AAIDD website](#).
- **Webinar: Accessible Play Areas: Advanced Session**, Thursday, February 5, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by ADA National Network Accessibility Online. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Accessibility Online website](#).
- **Webinar: iAcess: Focus on Switch Accessibility for the iPad**, Thursday, February 5, 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Cost: \$49; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).
- **Webinar: Current Events in Job Accommodation**, Tuesday, February 10, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Presented by Job Accommodation Network (JAN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [JAN website](#).
- **Webinar: iBooks Author: Time to Create!** Tuesday, February 10, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Patins Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Patins Project website](#).
- **Webinar: UDE: Universal Design for Employment**, Thursday, February 12, 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Presented by Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Cost: \$39; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).
- **Webinar: The Ethics of Documentation**, Tuesday, February 17, 10:00am – 11:00am. Presented by University of North Texas Workplace Inclusion and Sustainable Employment (UNT WISE). Cost: \$25; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [UNT Wise website](#).
- **Webinar: Adapting Grade-Appropriate Texts**, Tuesday, February 17, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Presented by the Texas Assistive Technology Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [TATN website](#).
- **Webinar: iBooks Author: Time to Create!** Tuesday, February 17, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Patins Project. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Patins Project website](#).
- **Webinar: Fifty Ways to Extend Literacy Experiences with Everyday Technologies**, Wednesday, February 18, 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Cost: \$49; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).
- **Webinar: Participatory Action Research**, Monday, February 23, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Presented by Think College. Cost: \$45; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Think College website](#).
- **Webinar: Awesome New iPad Adaptations, Accessories and Resources**, Thursday, February 26, 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Presented by Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Cost: \$49; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ATIA website](#).

Statewide Events of Interest:

- **2014 Statewide Parental Involvement Conference: Together, We Can!** December 4 – 6. Held at Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, **San Marcos**. Hosted by Texas Education Agency. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Terri Stafford at 806-677-5126 or terri.stafford@esc16.net or visit the [Conference website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Statewide Chapter Flag Football Competition**, December 12 – 13. Held at Baylor University, 1311 South 5th Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Metro PCS Dallas Marathon Benefitting Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**, Sunday, December 14, 8:00am Start Time. Race begins and ends in Downtown Dallas. Fundraiser for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Dallas Marathon website](#).
- **Deadline: Advocacy Corps training program**, Monday, December 15, Deadline for applications. Six-week training sessions will be held in **Austin**, beginning the week of February 16, to prepare for the 84th Texas Legislative Session. Hosted by the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities; Funded by a grant from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. For more information, visit the [CTD website](#).
- **Disability Visibility Project: StoryCorps**, Now through December 20. Held at various locations throughout the **Dallas** area. Hosted by StoryCorps Mobile Project and KERA Public Media. Cost: FREE; Reservations are necessary. For more information, visit the [StoryCorps website](#).
- **Deadline: Submissions for the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities' (GCPD) Barbara Jordan Media Awards**, January 15, **Statewide**. Award presented to journalists, students and authors in various categories, including Print Media, Broadcast Media, Internet, Book. Cost: NO FEE for entries. For more information and to submit an entry, contact GCPD at GCPD@gov.texas.gov or 512-463-5739 or visit the [Barbara Jordan Media Awards website](#).
- **2015 Tour of Champions: Fundraiser for National MS Society**, January 15 – 18. Held at Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel, **San Antonio**. Fundraiser for National MS Society and fundraiser conference. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information, contact Brett Hipsley at brett.hipsley@nmss.org or 678-534-3589 or visit the [NMSS website](#).
- **Accessibility Professionals Association (APA) Annual Conference and Expo**, January 21 – 23, **Austin**. Held at the Radisson Hotel Downtown Austin, 111 Cesar Chavez. Hosted by APA. Keynote Speaker: Dennis Borel of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [APA website](#).
- **2015 Inclusion Works Conference: Engaging All Students in Inclusive Classrooms**, February 4 – 5, **San Marcos**. Held at the Embassy Suites and Hotel Conference Center, 1001 East McCarty Lane. Hosted by The Arc of Texas. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Statewide Winter Games**, February 5 – 8. Held at various locations throughout **Austin**. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information,

contact Sue Galkantas at sgalkantas@sotx.org or 512-491-2943 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

- **Texas Transition Conference: Expect, Employ, Empower**, February 19 – 20, **Dallas**. Held at Westin Dallas Park Central, 12720 Merit Drive. Hosted by Texas A&M Center on Disability and Development. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Texas Transition Conference website](#).
- **2015 TAPPEstry Conference**, February 21, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Held at Education Service Center 20, **San Antonio**. Hosted by TAPPEstry (Teachers, Administrators, Parents, Professionals). Cost: \$25 per couple, includes lunch and materials; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, call ESC 20 at 210-370-5466 or visit the [ESC 20 website](#).
- **Texas Association of Behavioral Analysis (TxABA) Regional Conference**, February 26 – March 1. Held at Westin Galleria, 5060 West Alabama Street, **Houston**. Hosted by TxABA. Cost: Varies. For more information and to register, email txaba@txaba.org or visit the [TxABA website](#).
- **10th Annual Special Education Conference and Resource Fair**, Saturday, February 28, 8:00am – 1:30pm. Held at Houston Community College Northwest, Spring Branch campus, **Houston**. Hosted by Family to Family Network. For more information and to register, contact Family to Family at f2fconference@sbcglobal.net or 713-466-6304 or visit the [Family to Family website](#).

Abilene:

- **Disability Resources Inc (DRI) Vocational/Day Program**, Every Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Held at DRI, 3602 North Clack. Participants with intellectual disabilities make edible products to be sold in grocery stores and shops around Texas. For more information, contact Disability Resources Inc (DRI) at 325-677-6815 or info@driabilene.org or visit the [DRI website](#).
- **Worship with the Folks**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at DRI, 3602 North Clack. Open to all. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Disability Resources Inc (DRI) at 325-677-6815 or info@driabilene.org or visit the [DRI website](#).
- **Big Country Christmas Concert**, Saturday, December 6, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Paramount Theatre, Downtown Abilene. Fundraiser for Disability Resources Inc. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information, contact Disability Resources Inc (DRI) at 325-677-6815 or info@driabilene.org or visit the [DRI website](#).
- **Big Country Celebrity Ultimate Hunt Shooter's Soiree and Dinner**, Friday, February 13, 6:30pm. Held at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 North 6th Street. Fundraiser for Disability Resources Inc. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information, contact Disability Resources Inc (DRI) at 325-677-6815 or info@driabilene.org or visit the [DRI website](#).

Amarillo:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Powerlifting Competition**, Saturday, December 6, Registration at 8:00am. Held at Highland Park, 15300 East Amarillo Blvd. Sponsored by Special Olympics

Texas. For more information, contact Megan Spivey at 806-374-7171 or mspivey@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Arlington:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Classification**, Saturday, February 14, 9:00am – 12:30pm. Held at Martin High School, 4501 West Pleasant Ridge Road. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Elissa Schneiderman at 817-332-3433 or eschneiderman@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Austin:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Groups**, held at various locations, dates and times throughout the Austin area. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information about groups in your area, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, First Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the International Autism Ministry office, 111 Congress Avenue. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE; Bring a brown-bag lunch. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 512-876-9418 or visit the [IAM website](#).
- **Making Literacy Accessible: StorySign Storytime**, First Monday of each month, 10:15am. Held at Austin Public Library, Twin Oaks Branch, 1800 South 5th Street. Cost: FREE. For information, contact the Twin Oaks Library at 512-974-9980 or visit the [APL website](#).
- **SibKids Club: For Siblings Ages 7 – 11 of Children with Disabilities**, First Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE; RSVP is requested. For more information, contact Shalyn Shanks at sshanks@eastersealstx.org or 512-615-6833 or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).
- **Brain Injury Support Group** First Tuesday of each month, 7pm, hosted by the Austin Chapter Support Group of the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Austin Chapter; held at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center, 1327 Lamar Square Dr. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Mary Lee Foundation website](#) or phone 512-453-1344.
- **Parents of Adults with Disabilities Meeting**, First Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at the IHOP Restaurant, 1101 South Mopac. Hosted by the Autism Society of Greater Austin. Cost: FREE. For information, contact Susan Maxwell at smildredmaxwell@gmail.com or visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connection Peer Support Group**, First and Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Held at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 3838 Steck Avenue. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Social Security Work Incentives Orientation**, First Wednesday of each month, 10am (for general public) hosted by Workforce Solutions Ticket to Work program for anyone receiving SSI or SSDI; held at 6505 Airport Blvd Suite 101-A. Cost: FREE. For information, contact Marcela Ramirez at Marcela.ramirez@twc.state.tx.us or phone 512-597-7278.

- **Austin Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities** monthly meeting, Second Monday of each month, 12pm to 2pm, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street: open to the public. Cost: FREE. Visit the [AMCPD website](http://AMCPD.website) or contact Dolores Gonzalez at Dolores.gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us or phone 512-974-3256.
- **Austin Autism Society Monthly Support Meeting**, Second Tuesday of each month, 9:30am – 11:30am. Held at La Madeleine Lakeline, 14028 Highway 183. Hosted by the Austin Autism Society. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Lisa Whitted at lisa1810@gmail.com or visit the [Austin Autism Society website](http://AustinAutismSociety.website).
- **Brain Injury & Health Care Information**, Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm, sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Austin Chapter; for family members, survivors, and professionals; held at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center, 1327 Lamar Square Dr. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Mary Lee Foundation website](http://MaryLeeFoundation.website) or phone 512-443-5777.
- **AISD Family Support Co-Op Series**, Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm (Free Pizza and childcare at 6:30pm), a cooperative effort among AISD, Austin Travis County Integral Care and the Arc of the Capital Area to inform and support families of children with disabilities. Rosedale School, 2117 W. 49th St. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Eanes Parent Network website](http://EanesParentNetwork.website).
- **The Arc of the Capital Area Bowling at Dart Bowl**, Second Wednesday of each month, 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Held at Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover Avenue. For information, contact The Arc at 512-476-7044 or information@arcofthecapitalarea.org or visit [The Arc website](http://TheArc.website).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connection Peer Support Group**, Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Held at St. John's United Methodist Church, 5904 Wynona Avenue. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](http://NAMI.website).
- **American Sign Language Book Club**, Every Third Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm. Cost: FREE. Held at Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research Blvd. For more information, phone B&N Arboretum at 512-418-8985 or visit the [B&N website](http://B&N.website).
- **Movie Night at The Arc Studio and Gallery**, Fourth Wednesday of each month, 3:30pm – 8:00pm. Held at Arc of the Arts Studio and Gallery, 6717 Burnet Road. For information, contact The Arc at 512-476-7044 or information@arcofthecapitalarea.org or visit [The Arc website](http://TheArc.website).
- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Last Wednesday of Every Other Month, 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals of Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](http://BridgingApps.website).
- **Child and Youth Mental Health Planning Partnership meeting**, Last Thursday of Each Month, 9:00am – 10:30am. Held at Austin Travis County Integral Care, 1700 South Lamar. For more information, visit the [CYMHP website](http://CYMHP.website).
- **VSA Texas: 2014 Holiday Art and Gift Show**, Now through Wednesday, December 24, Monday through Friday, 9:30am – 5:00pm; Artists Reception held on Friday, December 12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at the AGE of Central Texas, 3710 Cedar Street. Hosted by VSA Texas. Cost: FREE; Art, cards, jewelry and ornaments are available for sale. For more

information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#).

- **National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Austin Community Meeting**, Monday, December 1, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Held at Nifty Fifty Diner at the Austin State Hospital Campus, 4110 Guadalupe. Hosted by NAMI Austin. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact NAMI Austin at info@namiaustin.org or 512-374-1335 or visit the [NAMI Austin website](#).
- **The Real Goodwill Tour: A Behind-the-Scenes Look**, Thursday, December 4, 8:30am – 9:30am. Held at Goodwill Community Center, 1015 Norwood Park. Cost: FREE, but space is limited; RSVPs encouraged. For more information, contact realgoodwill@austingoodwill.org or visit the [Austin Goodwill website](#).
- **Quarterly Texas Rehab ACTION Network (TRAN) Training**, Thursday, December 4, 1:00pm. Held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road. Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Sandra Joyner at training@thetranweb.org or visit the [TRAN website](#).
- **Annual Holiday Wine-Tasting Party: Fundraiser for Autism Society of Central Texas**, Thursday, December 4, 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Davenport Wine and Spirits, 3801 North Capital of Texas Highway. Fundraiser for Autism Society of Central Texas. For more information, contact Raine Munkens at raine@austinautismsociety.org or 512-479-4199 x901 or visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **Play Group for Children Ages 4 – 8: Easter Seals Central Texas**, Friday, December 5, 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Held at Archer's Place (Patio Interior), Easter Seals Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Shalyn Shanks at sshanks@eastersealstx.org or 512-615-6833 or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).
- **Pathways to Adulthood from TxP2P**, Friday, December 5, 9:30am – 2:30pm. Held at Education Service Center Region 13, 5701 Springdale Road. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cynda Green at cynda.green@txp2p.org or 512-458-8600 or visit the [Austin Autism Society website](#).
- **Audio Description Two-Day Workshop on the Visual Arts**, Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Held at the AGE Building, 3710 Cedar Street. Hosted by VSA Texas. Cost: \$15; Registration is necessary; Bring your lunch. For more information and to register, contact Lynn Johnson at lynn@vsatx.org or 512-454-9912 or visit the [VSA Texas website](#).
- **Sensory Friendly Film: "Penguins of Madagascar"**, Saturday, December 6, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at AMC Barton Creek Square, 2901 South Capital of Texas Highway. Hosted by AMC Theaters and the Autism Society. Cost: \$6 Admission. For more information, visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **The Real Goodwill Tour: A Behind-the-Scenes Look**, Tuesday, December 9, 11:30am – 12:30pm. Held at Goodwill Community Center, 1015 Norwood Park. Cost: FREE, but space is limited; RSVPs encouraged. For more information, contact realgoodwill@austingoodwill.org or visit the [Austin Goodwill website](#).

- **Ballet Austin: The Nutcracker with Audio Description**, Thursday, December 11, 10:00am. Held at The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 West Riverside Drive. Hosted by Ballet Austin. Cost: Varies; Tickets are required. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#); to purchase tickets, contact the Long Center at 512-476-2163 or visit the [Long Center website](#).
- **The Greatest Art Show on Earth: A Holiday Circus Spectacular**, Thursday, December 11, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at The Arc of the Capital Area Studio, 4902 Grover Avenue. Hosted by The Arc of the Capital Area. Cost: FREE; Donations are appreciated. For more information, contact Liz Wilson at lwilson@arcofthecapitalarea.org or 512-476-7044 x217 or visit the [Now Playing Austin website](#).
- **Texas Performing Arts: Anything Goes with Audio Description**, Thursday, December 11, 8:00pm. Held at Bass Concert Hall, 23rd and Robert Dedman Drive. Hosted by Texas Performing Arts. Cost: Varies; Tickets are required; For audio description contact Guest Services. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#); to purchase tickets, contact Texas Performing Arts at 512-476-2163 or tickets@texasperformingarts.org or visit the [Texas Performing Arts website](#).
- **In Sickness and In Health: Monthly Group for Patients and Caregivers**, Friday, December 12, 10:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Seton Cove, 3708 Crawford Street. Cost: \$10; Registration is necessary. For more information, contact Seton Cove at 512-451-0272 or visit the [Seton Cove website](#).
- **VSA Texas: 2014 Holiday Art and Gift Show Artists Reception**, Friday, December 12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at the AGE of Central Texas, 3710 Cedar Street. Hosted by VSA Texas. Cost: FREE; Art, cards, jewelry and ornaments are available for sale. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#).
- **Ballet Austin: The Nutcracker with Audio Description**, Friday, December 12, 7:30pm. Held at The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 West Riverside Drive. Hosted by Ballet Austin. Cost: Varies; Tickets are required. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#); to purchase tickets, contact the Long Center at 512-476-2163 or visit the [Long Center website](#).
- **VSA Texas: 2014 Holiday Art and Gift Show Artists Reception**, Friday, December 12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at the AGE of Central Texas, 3710 Cedar Street. Hosted by VSA Texas. Cost: FREE; Art, cards, jewelry and ornaments are available for sale. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#).
- **Sensory Friendly Film: "Paddington"**, Saturday, December 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at AMC Barton Creek Square, 2901 Capital of Texas Highway. Hosted by AMC Theaters and the Autism Society. Cost: \$6 Admission. For more information, visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **9th Annual Share the Passion Calendar Gala**, Sunday, December 14, 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at The Westin Austin at the Domain, 11301 Domain Drive. Hosted by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas (DSACT). Cost: \$15 for ages 13 and up; FREE for under 13; Share the Passion Calendar will be available for sale. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact DSACT at office@dsact.com or 512-323-0808 or visit the [DSACT website](#).

- **Deadline: Advocacy Corps training program**, Monday, December 15, Deadline for applications. Six-week training sessions will be held in Austin, beginning the week of February 16, to prepare for the 84th Texas Legislative Session. Hosted by the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities; Funded by a grant from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. For more information, visit the [CTD website](#).
- **Play Group for Children Ages 0 - 3: Easter Seals Central Texas**, Friday, December 19, 10:00am – 11:30am. Held at Archer's Place (Indoor Playground), Easter Seals Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Shalyn Shanks at sshanks@eastersealstx.org or 512-615-6833 or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).
- **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Chapter Meeting**, Saturday, December 20, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Casual pot luck social. Held at the W. Rural Community Center, 8656 West Highway 71. Hosted by HLAA Austin Chapter. Cost: FREE; RSVP is requested. For more information and to RSVP, contact Debra Deitz at debyell4@aol.com or Carolyn Ponder at ponderswift@gmail.com.
- **Ballet Austin: The Nutcracker with Audio Description**, Saturday, December 20, 2:00pm. Held at The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 West Riverside Drive. Hosted by Ballet Austin. Cost: Varies; Tickets are required. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#); to purchase tickets, contact the Long Center at 512-476-2163 or visit the [Long Center website](#).
- **The Lion and the Pirate Unplugged: Inclusive Open Mic for Writers, Performers and Acoustic Musicians**, Saturday, December 20, 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Held at Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street. Hosted by VSA Texas, the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities' Pen2Paper Creative Writing Contest, and Malvern Books. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact April Sullivan at VSA Texas at 512-454-9912 or april@vsatx.org or visit the [Malvern Books website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Basics Classes** for parents and caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illness, Wednesdays from January 14 through February 18, 9:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Austin Child Guidance Center, 810 West 45th Street. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **The Lion and the Pirate Unplugged: Inclusive Open Mic for Writers, Performers and Acoustic Musicians**, Saturday, January 17, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street. Hosted by VSA Texas, the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities' Pen2Paper Creative Writing Contest, and Malvern Books. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact April Sullivan at VSA Texas at 512-454-9912 or april@vsatx.org or visit the [Malvern Books website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family Classes**, Every Monday, January 19 – April 6, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at the Jewish Community Center, 7300 Hart Lane. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Accessibility Professionals Association (APA) Annual Conference and Expo**, January 21 – 23. Held at the Radisson Hotel Downtown Austin, 111 Cesar Chavez. Hosted by APA.

Keynote Speaker: Dennis Borel of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [APA website](#).

- **Texas Performing Arts: Mama Mia! with Audio Description**, Thursday, January 22, 8:00pm. Held at Bass Concert Hall, 23rd and Robert Dedman Drive. Hosted by Texas Performing Arts. Cost: Varies; Tickets are required; For audio description contact Guest Services. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#); to purchase tickets, contact Texas Performing Arts at 512-476-2163 or tickets@texasperformingarts.org or visit the [Texas Performing Arts website](#).
- **National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Austin Family Support Group Training**, January 24 – 25, 9:00am – 6:00pm. Held at Austin State Hospital Campus, 4110 Guadalupe. Hosted by NAMI Austin. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Allison Byars at program.coordinator@namiaustin.org or 512-374-1335 or visit the [NAMI Austin website](#).
- **National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Austin Community Meeting**, Monday, January 26, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Held at Nifty Fifty Diner at the Austin State Hospital Campus, 4110 Guadalupe. Hosted by NAMI Austin. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact NAMI Austin at info@namiaustin.org or 512-374-1335 or visit the [NAMI Austin website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family Classes**, Every Tuesday, January 27 – April 14, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at the Austin State Hospital, 4100 Guadalupe Street. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Play Group for Children Ages 4 – 8: Easter Seals Central Texas**, Friday, January 30, 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Held at Archer's Place (Patio Interior), Easter Seals Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Shalyn Shanks at sshanks@eastersealstx.org or 512-615-6833 or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Basics Classes** for parents and caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illness, Wednesdays from February 4 through March 11, 9:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Communities in Schools, 3000 South IH-35. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Statewide Winter Games**, February 5 – 8. Held at various locations throughout the city. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Sue Galkantas at sgalkantas@sotx.org or 512-491-2943 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Love Is All You Need Art Show**, Thursday, February 12, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at The Arc of the Capital Area Studio, 4902 Grover Avenue. Hosted by The Arc of the Capital Area. Cost: FREE; Donations are appreciated. For more information, contact Liz Wilson at lwilson@arcofthecapitalarea.org or 512-476-7044 x217 or visit the [Now Playing Austin website](#).
- **Play Group for Children Ages 0 - 3: Easter Seals Central Texas**, Friday, February 13, 10:00am – 11:30am. Held at Archer's Place (Indoor Playground), Easter Seals Central Texas,

1611 Headway Circle. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Shalyn Shanks at sshanks@eastersealstx.org or 512-615-6833 or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).

- **Ballet Austin: Belle Redux: A Tale of Beauty and the Beast with Audio Description**, Friday, February 13, 8:00pm. Held at The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 West Riverside Drive. Hosted by Ballet Austin. Cost: Varies; Tickets are required. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at 512-454-9912 or lynn@vsatx.org or visit the [VSA Texas website](#); to purchase tickets, contact the Long Center at 512-476-2163 or visit the [Long Center website](#).
- **Estate Planning and Special Needs Trust Workshop**, Thursday, February 19, 10:00am – 11:30am. Held at Camino Real Financial Strategies, 6200 Bridgepoint Parkway. Hosted by Children's Special Needs Network (CSNN). Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [CSNN website](#).
- **National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Austin Community Meeting**, Monday, February 23, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Held at Nifty Fifty Diner at the Austin State Hospital Campus, 4110 Guadalupe. Hosted by NAMI Austin. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact NAMI Austin at info@namiaustin.org or 512-374-1335 or visit the [NAMI Austin website](#).
- **Play Group for Children Ages 4 – 8: Easter Seals Central Texas**, Friday, February 27, 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Held at Archer's Place (Patio Interior), Easter Seals Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Shalyn Shanks at sshanks@eastersealstx.org or 512-615-6833 or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).
- **2015 Easter Seals Central Texas Casino Royale King and Queen of Hearts Gala**, Saturday, February 28, 6:00pm – 11:30pm. Held at Omni Barton Creek Resort and Spa, 8212 Barton Creek Blvd. Fundraiser for Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Allison Cook at acook@easterseals.org or 512-615-6800 or visit the [Easter Seals Central Texas website](#).
- **The Lion and the Pirate Unplugged: Inclusive Open Mic for Writers, Performers and Acoustic Musicians**, Saturday, February 28, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street. Hosted by VSA Texas, the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities' Pen2Paper Creative Writing Contest, and Malvern Books. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact April Sullivan at VSA Texas at 512-454-9912 or april@vsatx.org or visit the [Malvern Books website](#).

Bastrop:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Third Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Bastrop Library, 1100 Church Street. Hosted by International Autism Ministry. Cost: FREE; Bring a snack. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 512-876-9418 or visit the [IAM website](#).

Baytown:

- **Special Olympics Texas – 2015 Regional Table Tennis Competition**, Saturday, January 24, 8:30am – 5:30pm. Location TBA. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more

information, contact Aaron Keith at 713-290-0049 or akeith@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Beaumont:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Greater Beaumont Area Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 13, 8:30am – 3:00pm. Held at Crossroads Bowling Center, 4370 Dowlen Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Hannah Meek at hmeek@sotx.org or 409-833-1363 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Belton:

- **HOYO: Home of Your Own Program** for people with disabilities. Every Third Tuesday at 9:00am. Hosted by Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center. Held at the HOXTILC Belton office. For more information, call 254-933-7487 or email HOCTIL@hochtillc.org.

Boys Ranch:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Panhandle Area Powerlifting Competition**, Saturday, December 20, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Boys Ranch Fine Arts Building. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Megan Spivey at mspivey@sotx.org or 806-374-7171 or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Bryan:

- **Autism 101 Series**, First Tuesday of Each Month, 6:30pm. Held at the Autism Clinic at Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1318 Memorial Drive. Hosted by the Texas Autism Clinic, with partners Easter Seals East Texas/Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center and the Texas Autism Collaborative at the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M. For more information, contact Rosa Diaz at 979-209-2778 or rosa.diaz@bryanisd.org or visit the [Texas Autism Clinic website](#).
- **Tuesday Talks**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 11:30a - 1:00pm. A monthly series of presentations on various topics related to disabilities; also available via live stream online. Held at the Family Health Clinic, 3370 Texas Avenue. Hosted by the Family Support Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Texas A&M University at 979-845-4612 or fsn@tamu.edu or visit the [Family Support Network website](#).
- **Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living (BVCIL) Holiday Party**, Friday, December 5, 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Held the Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living, 1869 Briarcrest. Sponsored by TAMU Student Council for Exceptional Children. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact BVCIL at 979-776-5505 or visit the [BVCIL website](#).

Canyon:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Competition**, Saturday, January 24, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at West Texas A&M, The Box, Canyon E-Way and 2nd Avenue. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Megan Spivey at 806-374-7171 or mspivey@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge**, Saturday, February 7, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Held at West Texas A&M Activities Center, Russell Long Blvd. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Megan Spivey at 806-374-7171 or mspivey@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Cedar Hill:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Skills Competition South**, Wednesday, February 18, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Cedar Hill High School, 1 Longhorn Blvd. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Hubbard at 214-943-9981 or ahubbard@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

College Station:

- **Sensory-Friendly Movie Screenings**, Every Second Saturday of the Month, 10:00am. Held at Cinemark Theater, 1401 Earl Rudder Freeway. Hosted by Families of Autistic Children Engaged Together for Support (FACETS). Cost: Regular matinee ticket price. For more information, contact Aimee Day at facetsbcs@gmail.org or visit the [FACETS website](#).

Corpus Christi:

- **Corpus Christi Committee for Persons with Disabilities**, First Wednesday of each Month, 3:30pm; Monthly meeting; Open to the public. Location: City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 1201 Leopard Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, visit the [CFPWD website](#) or contact Leon Bazar at leonb@cctexas.com or 361-826-3190.
- **Removing Barriers to Gaining, Maintaining or Regaining Employment for People with Disabilities**, First Wednesday of each Month, 10:00am to 3:00pm. Hosted by Disability Rights Texas. Held at Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, 520 North Staples. Cost: FREE; first-come, first served. For more information, contact the office at 361-882-7491 or info@workforcesolutionscb.org or visit the [Workforce Solutions website](#).
- **Employment Alliance for People with Disabilities (EAPD)**, Third Thursday of each Month, 9:00am – 10:30am; Monthly meeting; Open to the public. Held at Del Mar College, Harvin Center Board of Regents Room 170. For more information, contact Darren Bates at employmentalliancepwd@gmail.com or visit the [EAPD website](#).
- **Cupid's Chase 5K Run**, Saturday, February 14, 8:00am, Registration; 10:00am, Race begins. Held at Heritage Park, 1581 North Chaparral Street. Fundraiser for Community Options Inc. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cupid's Chase Race Director at 361-808-8600 or visit the [Cupid's Chase website](#).

Dallas:

- **Diabetes Prevention and Management Workshop**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Held at REACH of Dallas, 8625 King George Drive, Suite 210. Hosted by REACH of Dallas and American Diabetes Association. For more information and to register, contact Janie Peachee at jpeachee@reachcils.org or visit the [REACH of Dallas website](#).
- **Dallas Jr Mavericks Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team**, Weekly practices; various days and times. Held at Bachman Recreation Center, 2750 Bachman Drive. Hosted by the Dallas

Junior Mavericks. Cost: \$75 for fall session. For more information and to register, contact Michelle Torina at 214-668-1121 or jrwcmavsprep@gmail.com or visit the [Junior Mavs website](#).

- **Disability Visibility Project: StoryCorps**, Now to December 20. Held at various locations throughout the Dallas area. Hosted by StoryCorps Mobile Project and KERA Public Media. Cost: FREE; Reservations are necessary. For more information, visit the [StoryCorps website](#).
- **Adjustment to Disability Training**, Tuesdays, December 2 and 16; January 6 and 20; and February 3 and 17, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Held at REACH of Dallas, 8625 King George Drive. Hosted by REACH of Dallas. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Kiowanda Jasso at reachdallas@reachcils.org or 214-630-4796 or visit the [REACH of Dallas](#) website.
- **Special Olympics Texas – Flag Football Competition**, Saturday, December 6, 8:00am – 7:00pm. Held at St. Mark's School of Texas, 10600 Preston Road. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Alex Hubbard at 214-943-9981 or ahubbard@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **REACH of Dallas Holiday Party**, Wednesday, December 10, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Held at REACH of Dallas, 8625 King George Drive. Hosted by REACH of Dallas. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Harvey Spears or Mavis Ravin at 214-630-4796 or visit the [REACH of Dallas](#) website.
- **Cookies and Castles**, Ladies Luncheon, Friday December 12, 11:00am – 1:30pm; Family Day, Saturday, December 13, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Held at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Wellborn Street. Fundraiser for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children; Hosted by Dallas Deltas. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Dallas Deltas website](#).
- **Variety, The Children's Charity of Texas: 2014 Holiday Party for Children with Special Needs** and their families, Saturday, December 13, 8:30am – 11:00am. Photos with Santa and the Grinch, Face-Painting, Special Screening of a movie. Held at Cinemark at Webb Chapel, 11819 Webb Chapel Road. Hosted by Variety. Cost: FREE; RSVP is required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Variety at 512-328-5437 or programs@varietytexas.org or visit the [Variety website](#).
- **Metro PCS Dallas Marathon Benefitting Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**, Sunday, December 14, 8:00am Start Time. Race begins and ends in Downtown Dallas. Fundraiser for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Dallas Marathon website](#).
- **Lessons Learned: Unfolding the Story of PTSD: Utilizing Skills Learned through Veterans and Law Enforcement**, Tuesday, December 16, 8:00am – 4:30pm. Held at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, 9200 Inwood Road. Hosted by the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Dallas. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Teena Adler at namidallas@namidallas.org or 214-341-7133 or Herb Cotner at Herbert.cotner@dallaspd.ci.dallas.tx.us or 214-681-1795 or visit the [NAMI Dallas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Blue and Brave 5K**, Saturday, December 20, 7:30am, Fun Run; 8:00am, 5K. Held at Bachman Lake, 3500 NW Highway. Fundraiser for Special Olympics

Texas. Cost: Varies. For more information, contact Doug Ray at 214-943-9981 or dray@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

- **Planning for the New Year: Trainings, Presenters, Group Activities**, Wednesday, January 14, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Held at REACH of Dallas, 8625 King George Drive. Hosted by REACH of Dallas. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Harvey Spears or Mavis Ravin at 214-630-4796 or visit the [REACH of Dallas](#) website.
- **Valentine's Day Celebration**, Wednesday, February 11, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Held at REACH of Dallas, 8625 King George Drive. Hosted by REACH of Dallas. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Harvey Spears or Mavis Ravin at 214-630-4796 or visit the [REACH of Dallas](#) website.
- **Cupid's Chase 5K Run**, Saturday, February 14, 8:00am, Registration; 10:00am, Race begins. Held at Bachman Lake Park, 3500 Northwest Highway. Fundraiser for Community Options Inc. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cupid's Chase Race Director at 972-503-3901 or visit the [Cupid's Chase website](#).
- **Texas Transition Conference: Expect, Employ, Empower**, February 19 – 20. Held at Westin Dallas Park Central, 12720 Merit Drive. Hosted by Texas A&M Center on Disability and Development. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit the [Texas Transition Conference website](#).
- **8th Annual Achievement Center of Texas/Garland ISD Special Arts Festival**, Saturday, February 28, 9:30am – 2:00pm. Held at Springcreek Church, 2660 Belt Line Road, Garland. Sponsored by the Achievement Center of Texas (ACT) with Garland ISD and the Garland Cultural Arts Commission. Featured artist: [John Bramblitt](#). Live performances, art activities and exhibitions. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Marilynne Serie at 972-414-7700 or 214-282-7066 or mserie@act77.90rg or visit the [ACT website](#).

Elgin:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Second Friday of each month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at the Elgin Library, 404 North Main Street. Hosted by International Autism Ministry. Cost: FREE. For information, contact International Autism Ministry at info@internationalautismministry.com or 512-876-9418 or visit the [IAM website](#).

El Paso:

- **PEN Project Community Resource Fair and Potluck**, Tuesday, December 2, 9:00am. Held at Canutillo ISD Office, 7965 Artcraft. Hosted by PEN Project. Cost: FREE; bring a potluck dish. For more information, contact Bonnie Perez at bperezpen@sbcglobal.net or 915-502-1309 or visit the [Partners Resource Network website](#).
- **ADHD Workshop**, Thursday, December 4, 6:00pm. Held at The Center for Therapeutic Services, 2009 Montana Avenue. Hosted by PEN Project. For more information, contact Bonnie Perez at bperezpen@sbcglobal.net or 915-502-1309 or visit the [Partners Resource Network website](#).
- **PEN Project Related Services and Potluck**, Thursday, December 11, 6:00pm. Held at SISD Education Service Center, 12300 Eastlake Drive. Hosted by PEN Project. Cost: FREE; bring a

potluck dish. For more information, contact Bonnie Perez at bperezpen@sbcglobal.net or 915-502-1309 or visit the [Partners Resource Network website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, January 10, 8:00am, Registration; 9:00am, Plunge. Held at Wyndham El Paso Airport, 2027 Airway Blvd. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Cost: Varies. For more information, contact Marsha Baray at mbaray@sotx.org or 915-533-8229 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, February 7, 8:00am – 12:00pm. Location TBA. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Cost: Varies. For more information, contact Marsha Baray at mbaray@sotx.org or 915-533-8229 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Fort Worth:

- **Fort Worth Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities**, Every Third Thursday of the First Month of each Quarter, 8:15am. Held at the Hazel Harvey Peace Center, 818 Missouri Avenue. For more information, visit the [FWMCPD website](#).
- **Weekly Job Club for Job Seekers with Disabilities**, Every Tuesday (with some exceptions – call to confirm), 10:00am – 11:00am. Held at Easter Seals of North Texas, 1424 Hemphill Street. Hosted by Easter Seals of North Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tempe Mays at 817-319-7078 or tpate@ntx.easterseals.org.
- **Hearing Loss Association of America, Fort Worth Chapter Monthly Meeting**, Second Saturday of each month, 9:30am. Held at the Goodrich Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 2500 Lipscomb Street. Hosted by HLAA, Fort Worth Chapter. For more information, contact Sharon Rowbottom at hearinglossfortworth@gmail.com or 817-691-5757 or visit the [Hearing Loss website](#).
- **Mom's Night Out for parents of children with Down syndrome**, Third Friday of each month, 6:30pm – 10:00pm. Held at various locations. Hosted by Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas. For more information, contact Mattie Gabbert at 682-597-6656 or MNO@dspnt.org or visit the [DSPNT website](#).
- **Community Connection Dance**, Third Friday of each month, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at The Resource Connection, 2300 Circle Drive. Hosted by The Arc of Tarrant County. For more information, visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Compassion Fatigue: Balancing Caring for Others and Self-Care for You**, Tuesday, December 2, 8:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Tarrant County Public Health Education Center, 1101 South Main Street. Hosted by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Tarrant County. Cost: \$25; CEUs available; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, email adrctraining@gmail.com or visit the [ADRC website](#).
- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Wednesday, January 14, 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Held at the TCU Campus, 2805 Stadium Drive. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).
- **Stress-Busting Program for Caregivers of Those with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia**, 9-week program, Every Wednesday, January 21 – March 18, 11:30am – 1:00pm. Held at James L. West Alzheimer's Center, 1111 Summit Avenue. Hosted by the James L. West Alzheimer's Center. Cost: FREE: Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact

the Center at 817-877-1199 or caregiver@jameslwest.org or visit the [James L. West Center website](#).

- **Exceptional Lives: Belonging, Believing, and Becoming: An Interactive Discussion with Rud Turnbull**, Thursday, January 29, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at University Christian Church, 2720 South University Drive. Hosted by the IDD Needs Council of Tarrant County. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact CelebratingCommunityTarrant@gmail.com or 817-569-4852 or visit the [IDD Needs TC website](#).
- **2015 Faith-Based Symposium: Celebrating Community: Shared Lives, Shared Gifts, Shared Service**, Friday, January 30, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Held at The Riley Center, 1701 West Boyce Avenue. Hosted by the IDD Needs Council of Tarrant County. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact CelebratingCommunityTarrant@gmail.com or 817-569-4852 or visit the [IDD Needs TC website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 28, 7:30am – 5:00pm. Held at Grapevine-Colleyville ISD. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Elissa Schneiderman at 817-332-3433 or eschneiderman@so.tx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Frisco:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Skills Competition**, Friday, February 13, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Fieldhouse USA, 6155 Sports Village Road. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Hubbard at 214-943-9981 or ahubbard@so.tx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Galveston:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Fourth Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Galveston Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street. Hosted by International Autism Ministry. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 512-876-9418 or visit the [IAM website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, January 17, 8:30am, Registration; 10:00am, Plunge. Held at Stewart Beach, 201 Seawall Blvd. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Cost: Varies. For more information, visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Annual Mardi Gras Ball for Special People**, Sunday, February 1, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Moody Gardens, One Hope Boulevard. Hosted by Hope Therapy at Moody Gardens. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For information and to RSVP, contact Moody Gardens at volunteers@moodygardens.org or 409-683-4108 or visit the [Hope Therapy website](#).

Garland:

- **A Sensory Friendly Tree Lighting**, Wednesday, December 3, 7:00pm. No music, no fireworks, no crowds; designed for people with sensory disorders such as autism. Held in downtown Square. Hosted by the City of Garland. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Jackie Justice at jjustice@garlandtx.gov or visit the [City of Garland website](#).

- **8th Annual Achievement Center of Texas/Garland ISD Special Arts Festival**, Saturday, February 28, 9:30am – 2:00pm. Held at Springcreek Church, 2660 Belt Line Road. Sponsored by the Achievement Center of Texas (ACT) with Garland ISD and the Garland Cultural Arts Commission. Featured artist: [John Bramblitt](#). Live performances, art activities and exhibitions. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Marilynne Serie at 972-414-7700 or 214-282-7066 or mserie@act77.90rg or visit the [ACT website](#).

Gatesville:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Powerlifting Competition**, Saturday, December 13, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Gatesville High School, 311 Lovers Lane. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Rena Caldwell at msmuffin22@yahoo.com or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Georgetown:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Second Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Georgetown Library, 402 West 8th Street. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at info@internationalautismministry.com or 512-876-9418 or visit the [IAM website](#).
- **Sensory Friendly Film: “Big Hero 6”**, Saturday, December 6, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Schulman/City Lights Theatres, 420 Wolf Ranch Parkway. Hosted by AMC Theaters and the Autism Society. Cost: \$3.50 Admission (Adult attendant required with free admission). For more information, visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **Individualized Education Program (IEP) Clinic**, Monday, December 9, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Georgetown Library, 402 West 8th Street. Hosted by Partners Resource Network, The PATH Project. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Stacy Ford at 512-736-0055 or stacyreg13path@gmail.com or visit the [Partners website](#).

Graham:

- **Special Olympics Texas: North Texas Area Flag Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 6, 8:30am – 5:00pm. Held at Steer Bowl, 1444 4th Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at mstrickland@sotx.org or 940-692-2986 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Grand Prairie:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Classification**, Saturday, February 14, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Kennedy Middle School and Jackson Middle School, Grand Prairie ISD. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Katy Williams at 214-943-9981 or kwilliams@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Tournament and Skills Competition**, February 27 – 28, 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Grand Prairie ISD, 101 High School Drive. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Katy Williams at 214-943-9981 or kwilliams@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Grapevine:

- **FREE Adaptive Sports and Recreational Programs**, Weekly throughout the year, various days and times. Held at various locations throughout the DFW area. Hosted by RISE Adaptive Sports. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact RISE Adaptive Sports at 469-762-5075 or info@riseadaptivesports.org or visit the [RISE website](#).

Harker Heights:

- **Variety, The Children's Charity of Texas: 1st Annual Holiday Party for Children with Special Needs** and their families, Saturday, December 6, 8:30am – 11:00am. Photos with Sensitive Santa, Face-Painting, Special Screening of a movie. Held at Cinemark at Market Heights, 201 East Central Texas Expressway. Hosted by Variety. Cost: FREE; RSVP is required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Variety at 512-328-5437 or programs@varietytexas.org or visit the [Variety website](#).

Houston:

- **Houston Council of the Blind Monthly Meetings**, First Monday of Each Month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Houston Lighthouse, 3602 West Dallas. Open to the public. For more information, contact the Houston Council of the Blind at 713-520-9237 or visit the [Houston Council of the Blind website](#).
- **National MS Society Lone Star Chapter: After Hours**, First Monday of Each Month, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at Lupe Tortilla, 2414 Southwest Freeway. Social Networking for people with MS, ages 18 – 30-ish. For more information and to RSVP, contact Chris Mays at 832-334-9023 or chmays23@yahoo.com or visit the [NMSS Lone Star Chapter website](#).
- **Families CAN Support Group**, First Tuesday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, call 713-743-5435 or 713-743-5592.
- **Information and Hope for Families: For Spanish Speaking Parents of Children with Disabilities**, First Thursday of Each Month, 6:45pm to 9:00pm. Volunteer to help with Inspiration Day, honoring students and encouraging parent participation. Held at the Graceview Baptist Church, 25510 Tomball Parkway. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Carmen Pulger at 281-773-8318 or mcpulger@att.net.
- **Autism Playgroup of Fort Bend County**, First Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Lost Creek Park and various other parks in Fort Bend County. RSVP required. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Susan Garczynski at 281-726-2665 or susan@susangar.com.
- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Second Wednesday of Each Month, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Easter Seals of Greater Houston, 4500 Bissonnet, Suite 337, Bellaire. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).
- **Special Education 101**, Second Wednesday of Each Month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at The Arc, 3737 Dacoma Street. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary; Scholarships available. For more information, contact Karen Snead at karen@aogh.org or 713-957-1600 x114 or visit [The Arc website](#).

- **Houston Commission on Disabilities (HCOD) meeting**, Second Thursday of Each Month, 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray Street. Cost: FREE; open to the public. For more information, contact June Eaton at 832-394-0814 or june.eaton@houstontx.gov or visit the [HCOD website](#).
- **North Houston Autism Playgroup**, Third Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Bear Branch Park, 5200 Research Forest Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Janet Cooper at 281-231-2262 or [visit the website](#).
- **Families Coping with Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Third Monday of Each Month, 7:15pm to 9:00pm. Held at Memorial Drive Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **South Texas College of Law (STCL) Direct Representation Legal Clinic**, Third Thursday of Each Month, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Addresses family law, probate and estate planning issues. Held at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1175 West Gray. Hosted by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) and STCL. Cost: FREE to qualified applicants. For more information, contact MOPD at 832-394-0814 or mopdmail@houstontx.gov or visit the [MOPD website](#).
- **Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, First and Third Sunday of Each Month, 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Held at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 20775 Kingsland Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764.
- **Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Held at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberley. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Vi Napolitano at 281-893-2493.
- **Families Coping with Children and Adolescent Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Bonnie Cord at 713-984-2538.
- **Robotic Wonders BOND Club**, Sessions available now through December 13; Various days, times and locations throughout the Houston area. Hosted by Social Motion Skills – a Program of Easter Seals; Designed for students in grades 1 – 8 with Autism and other learning disabilities. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Social Motion Skills at info@socialmotionskills.org or 713-461-7200 or visit the [Social Motions Skills website](#).
- **Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf (TSID) Training: Interpreting in Mental Health**, Thursday, December 4, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Held at MasterWord Services, 303 Stafford Street. Hosted by TSID. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact MasterWord at TAD@masterword.com or 281-589-0810 or visit the [TSID website](#).
- **Monarch Speaker Series: Adoption and School Dynamics**, Thursday, December 4, 9:00am. Held at Monarch School, 2815 Rosefield Drive. Hosted by Monarch School. Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Tara Roper at troper@monarchschoo.org or visit the [Monarch School website](#).
- **Metal and Muscle Expo: An Introduction to Paralympic Sports**, December 5 – 7, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas.

Hosted by Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Texas Regional Sports. For more information, contact Chuck French at Charles.french@houstontx.gov or 713-562-4089 or visit the [Texas Regional Sports website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Greater Houston Area Bowling Tournament**, Saturday, December 6, 7:00am – 6:00pm. Held at Copperfield Bowling Center, 15615 Glen Chase Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Renee Klovenski at rklovenski@sotx.org or 713-290-0049 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Radio City Christmas Spectacular: Special Autism-Friendly Performance**, Saturday, December 6, 10:00am. Held at The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby Street. Hosted by The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. Cost: Varies; ticket prices discounted for this performance; Reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Jill Jewett at jjewett@jewettconsulting.com or 713-874-5875 or visit the [Hobby Center website](#).
- **Family to Family Network Holiday Party with Knights of Columbus #7901**, Saturday, December 6, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 2730 Nelwood Drive. Hosted by Family to Family Network and Knights of Columbus #7901. Cost: FREE; Reservations are requested. For more information and to register, visit the [Holiday Party website](#).
- **Special Education Training: Understanding Changes in the State Testing and Accountability System for Students with Special Needs**, Tuesday, December 9, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway. Hosted by The Arc of Greater Houston. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Karen Snead at karen@aogh.org or 713-957-1600 or visit the [AOGH website](#).
- **UH Clear Lake Autism Center Speaker Series: I Want It Now! Reducing Problem Behavior to Get Attention and Tangibles**, Saturday, December 13, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Held at University of Houston-Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Hosted by the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact the Autism Center at AutismCenter@uhcl.edu or 281-283-3437 or visit the [UHCL website](#).
- **The River Performing and Visual Arts Center: Winter Musical Theatre Workshop**, Saturday, December 13, 10:00am – 2:00pm; Showcase at 1:30pm; for people with disabilities ages 7 – 19. Held at Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS) studios, 800 Bagby. Hosted by Theatre Under the Stars. Cost: \$30. For more information, contact TUTS at 713-520-1220 or visit the [TUTS website](#).
- **Different Abilities Inc Holiday Bazaar**, Saturday, December 13, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Different Abilities, 921 Cypress Creek Parkway. Includes exhibitors, food, arts and crafts, rides, games, and music. Hosted by Different Abilities Inc. Cost: Admission to the bazaar is FREE; \$10 for unlimited rides wristband. For more information, contact Different Abilities at 281-444-4435 or Jennifer at 281-919-1412 or jennifer@teamhcs.org or visit the [Different Abilities Facebook page](#).
- **The Role of BCBA in School**, Wednesday, December 17, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Held at MHMRA offices, 3630 West Dallas. Hosted by MHMRA Houston. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Amanda Sitomer at Amanda.sitomer@mhmrharris.org or 713-970-7932 or visit the [FEAT website](#).

- **Accommodations and Modifications: What's the Difference?** Wednesday, December 17, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Region 4 Education Service Center, MCC 205, 7145 West Tidwell. Hosted by ESC Region 4. Cost: \$45; Credits available: Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Kirsten Omelan at komelan@esc4.net or visit the [ESC 4 website](#).
- **Chevron Houston Run for a Reason Marathon: Team Epilepsy**, Sunday, January 18. Course starts at Congress and San Jacinto. Fundraiser for the Epilepsy Foundation Texas. Cost: Varies. For more information and to register, visit the [Chevron Houston Marathon website](#).
- **UH Clear Lake Autism Center Speaker Series: Sexuality Education for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**, Saturday, January 24, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Held at University of Houston-Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Hosted by the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact the Autism Center at AutismCenter@uhcl.edu or 281-283-3437 or visit the [UHCL website](#).
- **Monarch Speaker Series: Special Needs Planning**, Wednesday, January 28, 9:00am. Held at Monarch School, 2815 Rosefield Drive. Hosted by Monarch School. Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Tara Roper at troper@monarchschoool.org or visit the [Monarch School website](#).
- **UH Clear Lake Autism Center Speaker Series: Taking the Fight Out of Feeding: Managing Problems at Mealtimes**, Saturday, February 21, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Held at University of Houston-Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Hosted by the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact the Autism Center at AutismCenter@uhcl.edu or 281-283-3437 or visit the [UHCL website](#).
- **Monarch Speaker Series: Special Needs Planning**, Wednesday, February 25, 6:30pm. Held at Monarch School, 2815 Rosefield Drive. Hosted by Monarch School. Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Tara Roper at troper@monarchschoool.org or visit the [Monarch School website](#).
- **Texas Association of Behavioral Analysis (TxABA) Regional Conference**, February 26 – March 1. Held at Westin Galleria, 5060 West Alabama Street. Hosted by TxABA. Cost: Varies. For more information and to register, visit the [TxABA website](#).
- **10th Annual Special Education Conference and Resource Fair**, Saturday, February 28, 8:00am – 1:30pm. Held at Houston Community College Northwest, Spring Branch campus, 1010 Sam Houston Parkway. Hosted by Family to Family Network. For more information and to register, contact Family to Family at f2fconference@sbcglobal.net or 713-466-6304 or visit the [Family to Family website](#).

Hutto:

- **CTX Ability Sports Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 6, 7:00pm. Held at Bridge Community Church, 747 County Road 138. Hosted by CTX Ability Sports. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact John Lorek at 512-642-3380 or john@ctxabilitysports.com or visit the [CTX Ability Sports website](#) or [CTX Ability Sports Facebook page](#).

Irving:

- **Handcycling**, Second Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Sam Houston Trail Park, Valley Ranch. Hosted by Turning Point Nation. For more information, contact Tony Thrift at tthrist@turningpointnation.org or 817-262-3077 or visit the [TPN website](#).

La Marque:

- **Adopt a Family Toy Drive and Food Drive for People with Disabilities**, Donations can be dropped off between 8:00am and 5:00pm before Friday, December 19 at Vocational Guidance Services, 15021 Delany Road. Sponsored by Vocational Guidance Services (VGS). For more information, contact Carmalita Gipson at vgscarmalita.g@gmail.com or 409-229-1912.

Laredo:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Laredo Area Volleyball Competition**, Tuesday, December 2, 9:00am – 1:00pm. Location TBA. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at msantoya-maciel@sotx.org or 956-712-2144 or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Laredo UISD Young Athletes Future Stars Sports Day**, Thursday, December 4, 9:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Ardnt Elementary, 610 Santa Marta Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at msantoya-maciel@sotx.org or 956-712-2144 or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Laredo Area MATP Challenge Day**, Friday, December 5, 9:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Bonnie Garcia Elementary, 1453 Concord Hills Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at msantoya-maciel@sotx.org or 956-712-2144 or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Law Enforcement Torch Run Kick-Off**, Wednesday, January 21, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Laredo Port of Entry Administrative Building, Lincoln Juarez Bridge. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at msantoya-maciel@sotx.org or 956-712-2144 or visit the [SOTX website](#).

Leander:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, First Friday of each month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at the Leander Library, 1011 South Bagdad Road. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE; Bring a brown-bag lunch. For information, contact International Autism Ministry at info@internationalautismministry.com or 512-876-9418 or visit the [IAM website](#).

Livingston:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Team Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 28, 8:00am – 5:30pm. Held at Livingston Junior High School, 1801 US 59 Loop North. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Rachell Baldwin at 936-756-6906 or rbaldwin@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Longview:

- **A.I.M. (Awareness, Information, Motivation) Group**, Third Tuesday of each month, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Held at The Arc of Gregg County Downtown Coffee Shop, 107 East Tyler Street. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact Karen Holt at 903-241-6021 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).

Lubbock:

- **West Texas Archery**, Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, 6:30pm. For sports enthusiasts with mobility impairments. Sponsored by Turning Point. Held at Lubbock Indoor Archery. For more information, visit the [Turning Point website](#).

McAllen:

- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Fourth Thursday of Each Month, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals of Rio Grande Valley, 801 South Main. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).

Nacogdoches:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Area 7 Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 21, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Lucille Norton HPE Complex, Stephen F. Austin State University. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Anthony Key at 936-639-1755 or akey@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

North Richland Hills:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Volleyball Competition/Athlete Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 6, 7:30am – 4:00pm. Held at Fort Worth Christian School, 6200 Holiday Lane. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Elissa Schneiderman at 817-332-3433 or eschneiderman@sotx.org or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, January 24, 8:30am, Registration; 10:00am, Plunge. Held at NRH2O Family Water Park, 9001 Boulevard 26. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Cost: Varies. For more information, contact Elissa Schneiderman at 817-332-3433 or eschneiderman@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Odessa:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Area Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 14, 8:30am – 5:00pm. Held at Odessa College Sports Complex, 201 West University Blvd. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or narias@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Pflugerville:

- **Central Texas Ability Sports Basketball**, Every Saturday January 3 – February 28, 10:00am – 11:00am for kids ages 2 to 9; 11:00am – 12:00pm for kids ages 10 and up. Held at Pflugerville Community Church, 1214 Pfennig Lane. Hosted by Central Texas Ability Sports.

Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information, contact John Lorek at 512-212-1259 or john@ctxabilitysports.com.

Plano:

- **North Texas Great Santa Run 2014**, Saturday, December 6, 8:00am, Registration; 9:00am, 5K Run; 9:15am, 1M Run. Held at Dr Pepper Snapple Group Headquarters, 5301 Legacy Drive. Fundraiser for My Possibilities. Cost: Varies. For more information and to register, contact Elizabeth Romo at santarun@mptx.org or 469-241-9100 or visit the [My Possibilities website](#).

Rockwall:

- **Shenaniganz: Bowling, Arcadia, Black Light Miniature Golf and Go-Kartz**, Saturday, December 6, 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at Shenaniganz Entertainment Center, 1290 East I-30. Hosted by Turning Point Nation. For more information, contact Nance Powers at npowers@turningpointnation.org or visit the [Turning Point website](#).

Round Rock:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family Classes**, Every Wednesday, February 4 – April 22, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at Bluebonnet Trails Community Services, 1009 North Georgetown Street. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact NAMI at info@namiaustin.org or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).

San Antonio:

- **Eva's Heroes Special Presentations**, First and Third Tuesday of the Month, 5:30pm. Special showings of Hollywood's latest family-friendly films in a sensory-friendly and accepting environment. Hosted by Eva's Heroes and Santikos. Held at Santikos Embassy 14 and Santikos Silverado 16. Cost: Varies; guests with intellectual special needs admitted free. For more information, visit the calendar on the [DisabilitySA website](#).
- **A Wonderland Christmas: Morgan's Wonderland**, Every Friday and Saturday now through December 21, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Morgan's Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards Drive. For more information, contact Amanda Athens at 210-495-5888 x1024 or aathens@morganswonderland.com or visit the [Morgan's Wonderland website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: San Antonio Area Roller Skating Competition**, Monday, December 1, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Held at The Rollercade, 223 Recoleta Road. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at sbritt@sotx.org or 210-530-9898 or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **5th Annual Project Mend Holiday Open House**, Thursday, December 4, 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Project Mend Administrative Building, 5727 IH-10 West. Hosted by Project Mend. Cost: FREE; RSVP is requested. For more information and to RSVP, contact Project Mend at 210-223-6363 or Denise Bennett at denise.bennett@projectmend.org or visit the [Project Mend website](#).

- **Sensory Friendly Film: “Penguins of Madagascar”**, Saturday, December 6, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at AMC River Center, 849 East Commerce Street. Hosted by AMC Theaters and the Autism Society. Cost: \$6 Admission. For more information, visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **Sensory Friendly Film: “Paddington”**, Saturday, December 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at AMC River Center, 849 East Commerce Street. Hosted by AMC Theaters and the Autism Society. Cost: \$6 Admission. For more information, visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **Down Syndrome Association of South Texas (DSASTX) Holiday Party**, Monday, December 22, 5:30pm – 8:30pm. Held at Valero Services, Inc, One Valero Way. Hosted by DSASTX. Cost: FREE for Children with Down syndrome and their immediate family members; \$5 for other guests; Registration is necessary. For more information, contact Melania Evans at 210-349-4372 or mevans@dsastx.org or visit the [DSASTX website](#).
- **2015 Tour of Champions: Fundraiser for National MS Society**, January 15 – 18. Held at Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel. Fundraiser for National MS Society and fundraiser conference. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information, contact Brett Hipsley at brett.hipsley@nmss.org or 678-534-3589 or visit the [NMSS website](#).
- **Snowball 5K Run/Walk and Accessible 1K**, Saturday, January 24, 7:00am, Registration; 9:00am, 5K Run/Walk; 9:30am, Accessible 1K. Held at Morgan’s Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards Drive. Fundraiser for Monarch Academy. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information, contact Monarch Academy at snowballrun@monarchacademy.net or 210-479-3311 or visit the [Monarch Academy website](#).
- **Cupid’s Chase 5K Run**, Saturday, February 14, 8:00am, Registration; 10:00am, Race begins. Held at McAllister Park, 13102 Jones Maltsberger Road. Fundraiser for Community Options Inc. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Cupid’s Chase Race Director at 210-212-4969 or visit the [Cupid’s Chase website](#).
- **2015 TAPPestry Conference**, February 21, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Held at Education Service Center 20, 1314 Hines Avenue. Hosted by TAPPestry (Teachers, Administrators, Parents, Professionals). Cost: \$25 per couple, includes lunch and materials; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, call ESC 20 at 210-370-5466 or visit the [ESC 20 website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Competition**, February 26 – 28. Location TBA. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or sbritt@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

San Marcos:

- **2014 Statewide Parental Involvement Conference: Together, We Can!** December 4 – 6. Held at Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, 1001 East McCarty Lane. Hosted by Texas Education Agency. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Terri Stafford at 806-677-5126 or terri.stafford@esc16.net or visit the [Conference website](#).
- **2015 Inclusion Works Conference: Engaging All Students in Inclusive Classrooms**, February 4 – 5. Held at the Embassy Suites and Hotel Conference Center, 1001 East McCarty Lane.

Hosted by The Arc of Texas. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, visit [The Arc website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area 15 Basketball Competition**, February 27 – 28, 8:00am – 6:00pm. Held at Texas State University Jowers Center, 601 University Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Dalaine Whitlock at 512-491-2962 or dwhitlock@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

South Padre Island:

- **Special Olympics Texas: 2nd Annual Polar Plunge**, Saturday, January 31, 11:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-432-4904 or lgarza@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

St. Paul:

- **The Coventry Reserve 9th Annual Christmas Open House**, Friday, December 5, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at The Coventry Reserve, 2004 Parker Road. Fundraiser for The Coventry Reserve, featuring pottery made each day in the creative skills program; Refreshments will be served and entertainment provided. For more information, contact The Coventry Reserve atinfo@coventryreserve.org or 972-636-8498 or visit the [Coventry Reserve website](#).

Sugar Land:

- **Skate Therapy**, Every Saturday, 9:30am. Held at Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center, 16225 Lexington Blvd. Hosted by Skate Therapy, a Program of STAR Skaters. For more information, contact BL@STARskaters.org or visit the [Skate Therapy website](#).

Temple:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Heart of Texas Area Volleyball Competition**, Thursday, December 4, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Held at Wilson Park and Recreation Center, 2205 Curtis B. Elliot Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Breakfast with Santa**, Saturday, December 13, 8:30am – 10:30am. Held at Hilton Garden Inn, 1749 Scott Blvd. Hosted by Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health; Fundraiser for Children's Special Needs Network. Cost: \$10 at the door, \$8 early purchase. For more information, phone 254-933-7597 or visit the [CSNN website](#).

Tyler:

- **Independent Living Skills Classes**, Each Week Tuesday through Friday, various times. Topics include Money Management, Basic Computer Skills, Reading, Kitchen Safety, Nutrition and Cooking. Held at East Texas Center for Independent Living, 4713 Troup Highway. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact ETCIL at 903-581-7542 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).
- **M.O.V.E. (Mobility, Opportunity, Vocation, Encouragement) Support Group**, Fourth Tuesday of each month, 12:15pm – 1:00pm. Held at East Texas Center for Independent

Living, 4713 Troup Highway. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact ETCIL at 903-581-7542 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).

- **East Texas Area Council of the Blind meetings**, First Monday of each month, 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Held at East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, 411 West Front Street. Hosted by East Texas Area Council of the Blind. Open to the public. For more information, contact Michelle Boyd at 903-593-3111 or michelleb1631@gmail.com.
- **Workshop: Siblings of Children with Special Needs**, Thursday, December 4, 6:00pm. Held at the Parent Service Center, 4411 Old Bullard Road. Hosted by PATH Project. For more information, contact Jennifer Everett at jennifere81path@aol.com or 903-271-2706 or visit the [Partners Resource Network website](#).

Waco:

- **Waco Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities Monthly Meeting**. First Thursday of the month, 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Cost: FREE; open to the public. Held at the City of Waco Dr. Mae Jackson Development Center, 401 Franklin Ave. For more information, contact Kelly Yarbrough at Kelly.yarbrough@dars.state.tx.us or phone 254-214-7253.
- **A Special Starry Night: An Accessible Holiday Event for All**, Friday, December 5, 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at The Palladium, 729 Austin Avenue. Dancing, Children's Activities, Santa Claus, Photo Booth and Dinner. Hosted by the Heart of Texas Autism Network, Heart of Texas Down Syndrome Network, the Waco Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and Music Touching Lives. Cost: FREE; Please bring a canned good for donation. For more information and to RSVP, contact Patricia Krauss at 254-214-7253 or wacomayorscommittee@hotmail.com or visit the [Special Starry Night website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Statewide Chapter Flag Football Competition**, December 12 – 13. Held at Baylor University campus, 1311 South 5th Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Classifications**, Saturday, January 31, 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Held at Baylor University campus, Russell Gymnasium. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, February 14, 10:00am – 11:00am. Held at Hawaiian Falls Water Park, 900 Lake Shore Drive. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Basketball Competition**, February 20 – 21. Held at Baylor University campus, Marrs McLean/Russell Gymnasium. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or tsmith@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Webster:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Gulf Coast Area Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 6, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Alpha Lanes, 318 West Bay Area Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics

Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at phollaway@sotx.org or 281-218-6024 or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Weslaco:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Basketball Competition**, Saturday, February 14, 8:00am – 7:00pm. Held at Weslaco East High School, 810 South Pleasantview Drive. Sponsored by Special Olympics Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Gloria Cruz at 956-630-3434 or gcruz@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).

Wichita Falls:

- **Special Olympics Texas – Polar Plunge: Freezin' for a Reason**, Saturday, February 21, 9:00am – 10:00am. Held at Holiday Inn Express Pool, 5300 Kell Blvd. Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or mstrickland@sotx.org or visit the [Special Olympics Texas website](#).